

1 **SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 40**

2 (By Senators Unger, Kessler (Acting President), Boley, Nohe,
3 Beach, Jenkins, Yost, Prezioso, Minard, Laird, Barnes, Sypolt,
4 Hall, Green, Miller, Plymale, Edgell, Williams, Stollings,
5 McCabe, Klempa, Wills and Browning)

6
7 Recognizing the many contributions of the thousands of volunteers
8 and paid staff at pregnancy care centers in West Virginia and
9 across the United States.

10 Whereas, The life-affirming impact of pregnancy care centers
11 on the women, men, children, and communities they serve is
12 considerable and growing; and

13 Whereas, Pregnancy care centers serve women in West Virginia
14 and across the United States with integrity and compassion with
15 more than 2,500 centers across the United States providing
16 comprehensive care to women and men facing unplanned pregnancies,
17 including resources to meet their physical, psychological,
18 emotional and spiritual needs; and

19 Whereas, Pregnancy care centers offer women free, confidential
20 and compassionate services, including pregnancy tests, peer
21 counseling, 24-hour hotlines, childbirth and pregnancy classes, and
22 referrals to community, health care and other support services; and

23 Whereas, Many pregnancy care centers offer ultrasounds and
24 other medical services, information on adoption and adoption

1 referrals while encouraging women to make positive life choices by
2 equipping them with complete and accurate information regarding
3 their pregnancy options and the development of the unborn; and

4 Whereas, Pregnancy care centers ensure that women are
5 receiving prenatal information and services that lead to the birth
6 of healthy infants; and

7 Whereas, Pregnancy care centers provide important support and
8 resources for women and their children; and

9 Whereas, Many pregnancy care centers work to prevent unplanned
10 pregnancies by teaching effective abstinence education in public
11 schools; and

12 Whereas, Pregnancy care centers operate primarily through the
13 designation of public funds for such organizations; therefore, be
14 it

15 *Resolved by the Senate:*

16 That the Senate hereby recognizes the many contributions of
17 the thousands of volunteers and paid staff at pregnancy care
18 centers in West Virginia and across the United States; and, be it

19 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate extends its sincere
20 appreciation to these committed volunteers and staff who
21 unselfishly work to educate, assist and contribute to the many
22 women, men, children, families and babies that are in their need
23 across West Virginia and the entire United States; and, be it

24 *Further Resolved,* That the Senate strongly encourages the

1 United States Congress and other federal and state governmental
2 agencies to grant pregnancy care centers assistance for medical
3 equipment and abstinence education in a manner that does not
4 compromise the mission or religious integrity of these
5 organizations; and, be it

6 *Further Resolved*, That the Clerk is hereby directed to forward
7 a copy of this resolution to each pregnancy care center in West
8 Virginia, to the President of the United States, and to the
9 President of the United States Senate and Speaker of the United
10 House of Representatives.